

Dear colleague

Here is the first quick update on key items of information for you throughout August:

Cases of Covid across Wales continue to drop. Weekly infection rates across the UK are increasing so we must remain vigilant. The same pattern is emerging across France and Germany and both governments are considering their lockdown arrangements again.

Quarantine arrangements for travellers to Spain, Canary and Balearic islands have changed. If you are thinking about traveling abroad this summer, just be aware that quarantine arrangements can change very quickly.

As of Monday, permission to re-open new parts of the economy across Wales was given –

- Beauty salons (but facial treatments are not advised)
- Spas can reopen, but only for beauty treatments (not sauna or pools)
- Acupuncture, piercing and tattoos businesses can now reopen.
- Cinemas
- Museums and galleries
- Driving lessons can now resume
- Camping sites were allowed to open over last weekend.

What comes next?

- Pub, cafes and restaurants should be allowed to reopen indoors next Monday 3rd August

What is still shut?

- Indoor gyms
- Indoor leisure facilities
- Swimming pools
- Theatres and music venues

Also, please remember if you are travelling on public transport, you are now required to wear a mask.

We continue to receive new guidance on a daily basis from Welsh Government, which we trawl through and make sense of it for us. We are expecting guidance over the next few days, on how home to school transport arrangements are to be implemented from September. Clearly this is really important for us, so we need it sooner rather than later.

That's all for now!

Take care

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